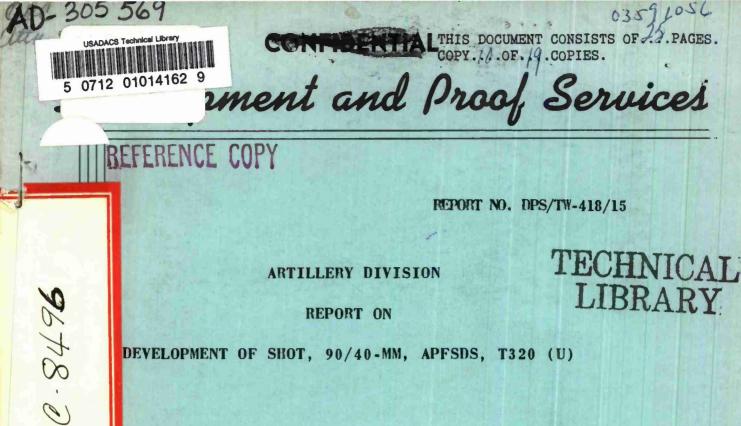
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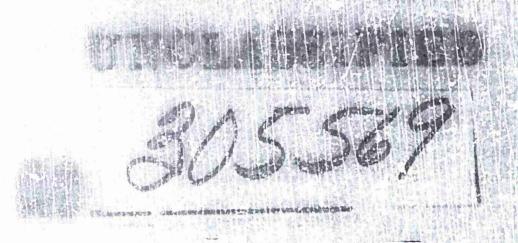
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DEVELOPMENT OF SHOT, 90/40-MM, APFSDS, T320

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11 February 1959

DEVELOPMENT OF SHOT, 90/40-MM, APFSDS, T320 (U)

Fifteenth Report on Ordnance Project No. TW-418

Dates of Test: 28 May to 26 June 1958

ABSTRACT (C)

This test was conducted in order to characterize the 90/40-mm, T320E60 shot as to its plate-penetration capabilities against 4.7-inch-thick rolled homogeneous armor. Sufficient rounds were fired to obtain a protection ballistic limit to determine if the T320E60 shot would penetrate 4.7-inch rolled homogeneous plate at 60 degrees obliquity with a PBL of 4460 fps or less. A six-round protection ballistic limit (three complete penetrations and three partial penetrations), within 150 fps velocity dispersion, of 4585 fps was obtained.

It is concluded that the T320E60 shot will not defeat the above plate condition within the 4460 fps requirement.



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1. (C) INTRODUCTION

In previous tests with the 90/40-mm, T320 shot, difficulties have been encountered in attaining the ultimate interdependent goals of accuracy (0.15 mil probable error), muzzle velocity (5200 fps) and armor penetration (5 inches at 60 degrees at 2000 yards) because of the excessive aerodynamic and launching stresses imposed on the projectile components. In an effort to provide a round of ammunition within the short time necessary to meet system schedules, it has been decided that it might be desirable to retreat slightly from the original goals, and reduce the muzzle velocity level to approximately 5025 fps to reduce the effects of aerodynamic and in-gun heating. The object of this test was to characterize the projectile with the lowered velocity with respect to armor penetration; specifically, to determine whether the 90/40-mm Arrow projectile is capable of penetrating 120-mm (4.7-inch) rolled homogeneous armor plate mounted at 60 degrees obliquity with a protection ballistic limit of 4460 fps or less. In the event the PBL proved to be in excess of 4460 fps, the PBL was to be determined against 115-mm (4.5-inch) rolled homogeneous armor plate mounted at 60 degrees obliquity.

Subsequent to the firing of the first phase of this test it was decided not to reduce the original goals, and consequently the Picatinny Arsenal representative decided not to fire the second phase of this test (4.5-inch plate at 60 degrees).

2. DESCRIPTION OF MATERIEL

2.1 (C) Items Tested

Cartridge, 90/40-mm, APFSDS, T320E60, for T208 gun, Drawing No. FXP-90022, Lot No. PA-E-26214, without propellant.

2.2 (U) Supporting Materiel

Propellant: MP, M17, 0.070-inch web size, Lot No. RAD-SR-28-57.

Gauges : Pressure, M3, crusher type, copper cylinder Lot

No. 9C-55, Frankford Arsenal, annealed Frankford

Arsenal 1955.

Gun : 120-mm, Tl23El, No. 330.

Tube : 90-mm, T208E4, No. 80217.

Carriage: 155-mm Gun, Ml, No. 12.

Recoil : 155-mm Gun, T54, No. 77.

Armor Plate: 4.7-inch-thick rolled homogeneous plate No. 023283,

Heat No. 73U078. Average Bhn: 259.

Charpy at -40 degrees - 81-79.



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3. (C) DETAILS OF TEST

3.1 Procedures

To obtain the protection ballistic limit against 4.7-inch-thick rolled homogeneous armor plate set at 60 degrees obliquity, the plate to be tested was placed in butts constructed from 8-inch-thick armor plate, and the plate wedged at the desired degree of obliquity (60 degrees).

Velocities were obtained by use of velocity coils placed as follows: From muzzle to 1st coil 149.65 feet. From 1st to 2nd coil 83.90 feet. From 2nd coil to plate 60.20 feet.

Chamber pressures were obtained for each round fired by placing two M3 pressure gauges inside the case at time of loading.

A total of nine rounds were loaded with varying propelling charges calculated to give the desired velocities to obtain three complete and three partial penetrations of the plate within the prescribed velocity dispersion limits of 150 fps as prescribed for V50 Ballistic Limit (Protection), Reference OPM-50-10, 11 April 1957.

3.2 Results

A protection ballistic limit of 4585 fps, based upon three complete and three partial penetrations of the plate within 150 fps velocity dispersion was obtained.

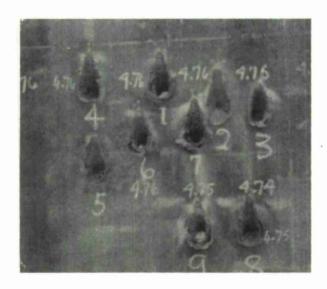


Figure 1 - Front of Plate, 4.7-Inch Rolled Homogeneous Armor.

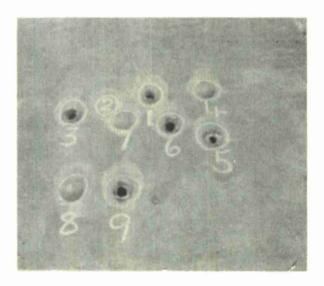


Figure 2 - Rear of Plate, 4.7-Inch Rolled Homogeneous Armor.



4. (C) CONCLUSION

It is concluded that the T320E60 shot will not defeat 4.7-inch armor plate at 60 degrees obliquity within the 4460 fps requirement.

SUBMITTED:

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Artillery Division

M. D. Kaplan

APPROVED:

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Assistant Deputy Director for Engineering Testing Development and Proof Services

REFERENCES

- 1. Test Program Request Number TE-14, Picatinny Arsenal.
- 2. Test Program Request Number TE-174, Picatinny Arsenal.
- 3. OPM 50-10, dated 11 April 1957.

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APPENDIX A

Correspondence

ORDNANCE CORPS PICATINNY ARSENAL DOVER, NEW JERSEY

Mr WGMirshak/acm/2277

IN REPLY REFER TO: TE5

SUBJECT: Test Program Request No. TE-174 for Cartridge,

90/40mm, APFSDS, T320, Project TW-418.

TO:

Commanding General Aberdeen Proving Ground Aberdeen, Maryland

ATTENTION: ORDBG-DP-TA, Mr. Youmans

1. Inclosed is Test Program Request No. TE-174, D/A Priority 1A, for testing of the subject round. The cartridges, the description of which is furnished in the inclosed test program request, will be shipped to your Proving Ground in the immediate future. Shipping information and lot numbers will be furnished at that time.

2. Funding Data:

Funds are available under Sub-Project Order No. 70405530-01-11601-01 and Job Order No. 3030-99-901.

3. Coordination:

- a. OCO-ORDTW, Attention: Mr. S. Weiss.
- b. Aberdeen Proving Ground, Attention: Artillery Ammunition Branch, ORDBG-DP-TA, Mr. Anderson, Extension 33118.
- c. Picatinny Arsenal Engineer primarily responsible for the test is Mr. W. Mirshak, telephone Picatinny Arsenal, Extension 2277.

4. Notification for Test Attendance:

Mr. W. Mirshak will attend the test and requests that notification of test firing date be provided this Arsenal. It is understood that test

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SUBJECT: Test Program Request No. TE-174 for Cartridge, 90/40mm, APFSDS, T320, Project TW-418.

scheduling cannot be accomplished until shipping information is provided, (see paragraph 1 above).

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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1. TPR No. TE-174
6 copies

R. H. WOOD Assistant

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OCO-ORDTW w/Incl
APG-Comp Office
F.A., ATTN: ORDBA-MIR
W.Blittersdorf w/Incl

Test Program Request No. TE-174 (Job Order No. 3030-99-901) Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, N. J.

9 May 1958

1. Material for Test:

- a. 19 each Cartridges, 90/40mm, APFSDS, T320E60, for Gun, T208, Lot PA-E-26214.
 - b. 350 lbs each Propellant, M17, .070 Web, Lot SR 28-57.
- c. 1 each Tube, Gun, T208E4, Ballistic, Serial No. 80217 without muzzle blast deflector (available at Aberdeen Proving Ground).

2. Project Authority:

- a. Ordnance Project No. TW-418.
- b. Department of the Army No. 5A04-03-084.
- c. OCM No. A-489 dated 24 May 1954.
- d. Funds available under Sub-Project Order No. 70405530-01-11601-01 and Job Order Number indicated above.
 - e. Priority: 1A.

3. Object of Development or Experiment:

To develop a satisfactory fin-stabilized, armor-piercing projectile for use in the 90mm Smoothbore Gun for the T95 Tank.

4. History Sketch:

Recent experiences with the 90mm, T320 Shot have indicated that, in order to provide a round of ammunition within the short time necessary to meet systems schedules, it appears necessary to retreat slightly from the ultimate goals of the program. Difficulties have been encountered in attaining the ultimate interdependent goals of accuracy (0.15 mils P.E.), muzzle velocity (5200 f/s) and armor penetration (5"/60° at 2000 yards) because of the excessive aerodynamic and launching stresses imposed on the projectile components.



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As a consequence of this it has been decided to reduce the muzzle velocity level to approximately 5025 f/s at which velocity the effects of aerodynamic and in-gun heating are known to be negligible.

It is now necessary to characterize the projectile with the lowered muzzle velocity with respect to accuracy and armor penetration.

5. Description in Detail of Improvements Made Since Last Proving Ground Test:

None.

6. Local Tests:

None.

7. Object of Test:

To determine whether the 90mm Arrow Projectile is capable of penetrating 120mm (4.7 inches) thick rolled homogeneous armor plate mounted at 60° obliquity with a PBL of 4460 f/s or less.

In the event the PBL against 120mm plate is in excess of 4460 f/s, determine the PBL against 115mm (4.5 inches) thick rolled homogeneous arrior, plate mounted at 60° obliquity.

8. Precautions in Handling and Testing:

The usual precautions should be observed in handling and testing. APFSDS ammunition.

9. Recommended Test Program:

- a. All rounds should be fired from a 90mm T208E4 Ballistic Tube, Serial No. 80217; no blast deflector or tube supports are to be used.
- b. Fire sufficient rounds against 120mm thick rolled homogeneous armor plate mounted at 60° obliquity at a range of 100 yards to establish a Protection Ballistic Limit.
- c. In the event the Protection Ballistic Limit in paragraph 9b is in excess of 4460 f/s erect a plate 4.5 inches thick in the same manner and establish a Protection Ballistic Limit.

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d. The following instrumentation will be required for all rounds unless otherwise directed by the engineer in attendance:

Record muzzle velocity and chamber pressure.

e. Upon completion of all firing the gun shall be borescoped, stargaged and photographed. Copies of photographs and gun wear charts shall be sent to Watervliet Arsenal and Picatinny Arsenal.

10. References:

Test Program Request No. TE-14 dated 3 January 1957.

11. Report Distribution:

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APPENDIX B

Firing Record

DEVELOPMENT AND PROOF SERVICES ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MARYLAND FIRING RECORD

Plate Test of Cartridge, 90/40-mm, T320E60 (U)

Firing Record No.: P-63299
Dates of Test: 28 May through

26 June 1958

Authority:

Letter Picatinny Arsenal dtd 21 May 1958, File No.

ORDBB-TE5-470(TW-418), M&R-CI-58-1567, and TPR TE-174 dtd 9 May 1958

Project No .:

TW-418/TE-174

Development

W. O. No. 332-201-11

(C) ITEM TESTED

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(U) SUPPORTING MATERIEL

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Gauges : Pressure, M3, crusher type, copper cylinder lot number

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Carriage: 155-mm Gun, Ml, No. 12.

Recoil : 155-mm Gun, T54, No. 77.

Armor Plate: 4.7-inch rolled homogeneous plate No. 023283, United States

Steel Corp., Heat No. 73U078. Average Bhn at -40 degrees

259. Charpy at -40 degrees 81-79.

(C) DETAILS OF TEST

To obtain the protection ballistic limit against 4.7-inch rolled homogeneous plate set at 60 degrees obliquity, the plate to be tested was placed



in butts constructed from 8-inch-thick armor plate and wedged at the desired degree of obliquity (60 degrees) with heavy hardwood wedges.

Instrumental and striking velocities were obtained by use of velocity coils located as follows: From muzzle to 1st coil, 149.65 feet. From 1st to 2nd coil, 83.90 feet. From 2nd coil to plate, 60.20 feet.

Chamber pressures were obtained for each round fired by placing two M3 pressure gauges inside the case at time of loading.

To determine the protection ballistic limit, nine rounds were loaded with varying charges calculated to give the desired velocities to obtain three complete and three partial penetrations of the plate within the prescribed velocity dispersion limits of 150 fps.

The T208E4 Tube No. 80217 was star-gauged, borescoped, photographed. Bore impressions were made before and after firing. Star-gauge measurements taken before and after firing are as follows:

	Before Firing (52 Rounds), inches	After Firing (68 Rounds), inches
At 0.1 Inch Forward:	3.669	3.699
At 1.0 Inch Forward:	3.610	3.616
At 2.0 Inches Forward:	3.606	3.611

This test was fired from Position "E", Plate Range on an azimuth of 34 degrees at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, on 25 and 26 June 1958.

(U) ROUND-BY-ROUND DATA

Round-by-round data may be found in Inclosure 1.

(C) RESULTS

From the nine rounds fired, five complete and four incomplete penetrations of the plate were obtained, for a protection ballistic limit of 4585 fps within a velocity dispersion of 133 fps.

(U) OBSERVERS

Mr. S. Jacobson, Picatinny Arsenal, on 25 and 26 June 1958. Mr. J. Hegedus, Picatinny Arsenal, on 25 and 26 June 1958.



This firing record forms a part of the Fifteenth Report on Ordnance Corps Project TW-418.

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APPROVED:

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HARRY A. BECHTOL Chief, Artillery

H. B. ANDERSON Chief, Artillery Ammunition Branch

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1. Round-by-Round Data.

(C) ROUND-BY-ROUND DATA

Date of Firing: 25 June 1958

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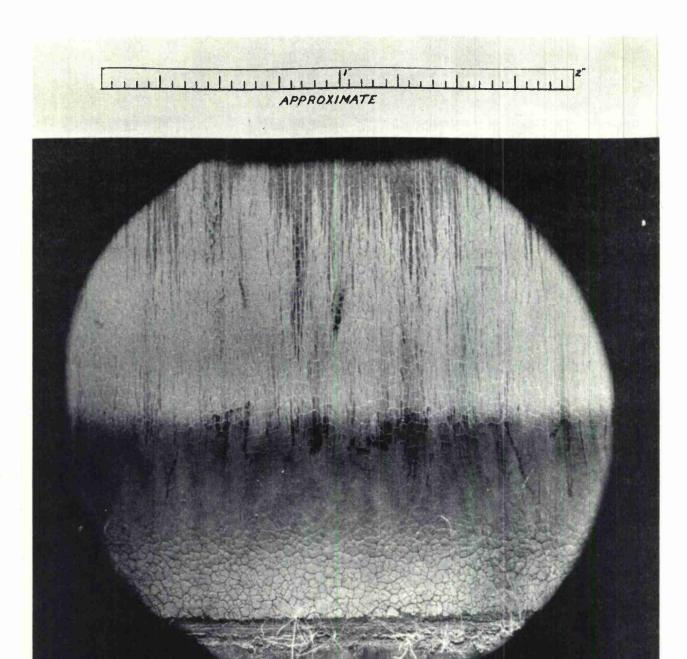
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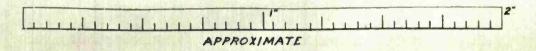
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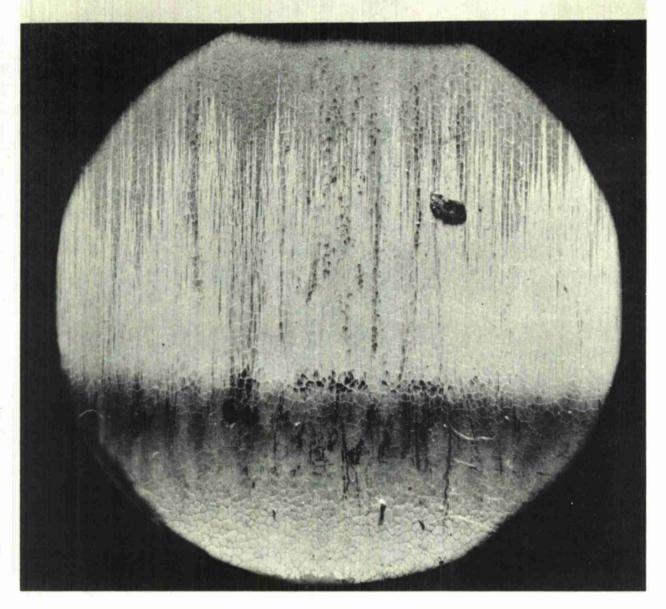
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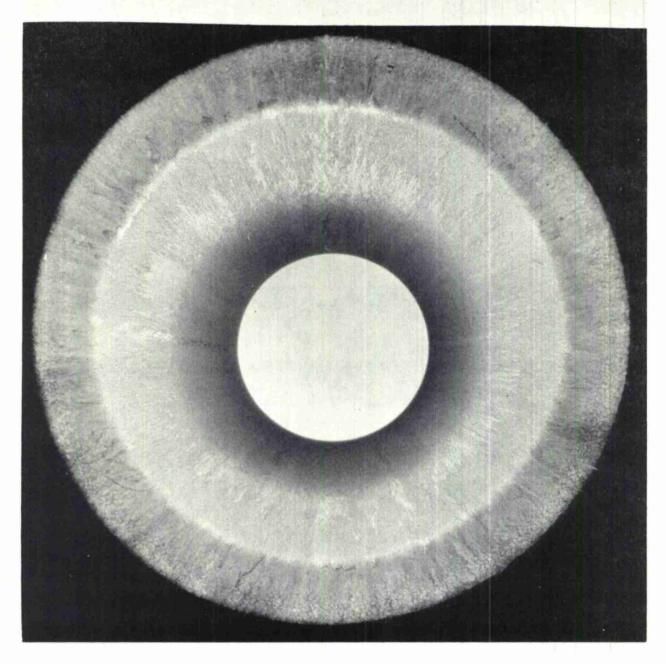
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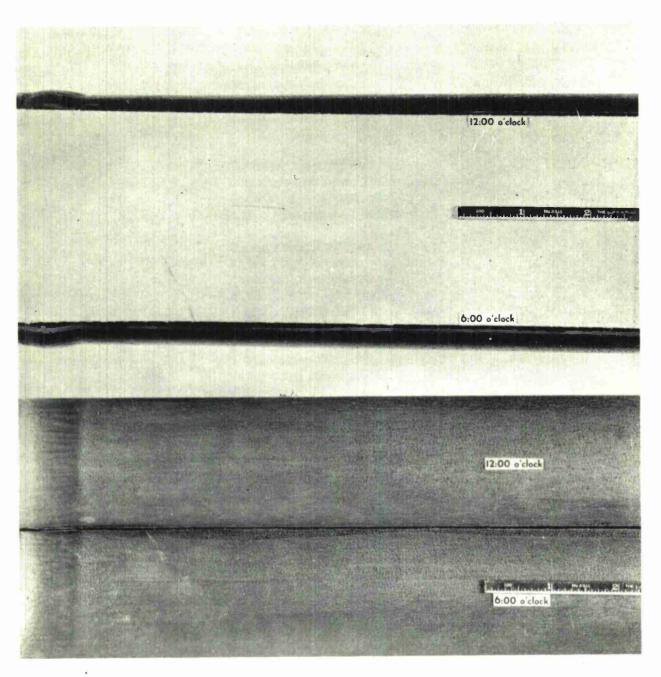


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